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Office Action Summary

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NAKAGOMI ET AL.

Examiner

Joseph Pan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's response filed on December 12, 2005 has received. Claims 1, 7 have been amended. New claims 10-16 have been added. Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews (U.S. Patent No. 5,757,271) in view of O'Neil et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,864).

Referring to claim 1:

i. Andrews teaches:

A communication device having a security communication function, comprising:

A detection unit for detecting the proximity of the destination of connection (see column 4, lines 13-16 of Andrews);

An announcing unit for displaying messages (see figure 1, element 18 of Andrews),

Wherein said communication device is configured to communicate with another device at said location via a wireless communications (see figure 1, element 40; and column 4, lines 39-44 of Andrews).

However, Andrews does not specifically mention that the communication device is configured to communicate with another device via a wireless telecommunications network.

ii. O'Neil et al. disclose a system for providing telecommunication extension service to a subscriber wherein the system includes a wireless telecommunications network (see figure 1, element 14 of O'Neil).

iii. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of O'Neil et al. into the system of Andrews so that the communication device can be configured to communicate with another device via a wireless telecommunications network.

iv. The ordinary skilled person would have been motivated to have applied the teaching of O'Neil et al. into the system of Andrews so that the communication device can be configured to communicate with another device via a wireless telecommunications network, because the wireless telecommunication network is widely used.

Referring to claim 2:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and an announcing unit (see claim 1 above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device further comprises a judgment unit for judging whether the proximity satisfies the prescribed range (see column 5, lines 17-22 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 3:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and an announcing unit (see claim 1 above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device further comprises a setting unit to set the proximity (i.e., the range of the transmitter within the remote unit) of the communication device (see column 4, lines 13-16 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 4:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and an announcing unit (see claim 1 above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device further comprises a control unit to control the operation of the device (see column 4, lines 24-26 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 5:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and an announcing unit (see claim 1 above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device provides the selection functionality, so that the control logic can be described as being in one of two states (armed or disarmed), and in one of three modes of operation: proximity detection, motion detection, or user input detection (see column 4, lines 27-30 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 6:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and an announcing unit (see claim above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device further comprises a notification unit to alert the owner of the communication device that a security violation has occurred (see figure 3, element 74; and column 5, lines 17-22 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 7:

i. Andrews teaches:

A communication device for communicating with a mobile communication device, comprising:

A detection unit for detecting the proximity of the destination of connection (see column 4, lines 13-16 of Andrews);

A setting unit to set the proximity (i.e., the range of the transmitter within the remote unit) of the communication device (see column 4, lines 13-16 of Andrews),

Wherein said communication device is configured to communicate with said mobile communication device at a remote location via wireless communications (see figure 1, element 40; and column 4, lines 41-44 of Andrews).

However, Andrews does not specifically mention that the communication device is configured to communicate with another device via a wireless telecommunications network.

ii. O'Neil et al. disclose a system for providing telecommunication extension service to a subscriber wherein the system includes a wireless telecommunications network (see figure 1, element 14 of O'Neil).

iii. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of O'Neil et al. into the system of Andrews so that the communication device can be configured to communicate with another device via a wireless telecommunications network.

iv. The ordinary skilled person would have been motivated to have applied the teaching of O'Neil et al. into the system of Andrews so that the communication device can be configured to communicate with another device via a wireless telecommunications network, because the wireless telecommunication network is widely used.

Referring to claim 8:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and a setting unit (see claim 7 above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device further comprises a control unit to control the operation of the device (see column 4, lines 24-26 of Andrews).

Referring to claims 9, 16:

Andrews and O'Neil et al. teach the claimed subject matter: a communication device having a detection unit and a setting unit (see claim 7 above). O'Neil et al. further disclose the inquiring unit (see column 17, lines 39-42 of O'Neil et al.), and the selection functionality (see column 22, lines 37-40 of O'Neil et al.).

Referring to claim 10:

Andrews teaches:

A mobile communication terminal device having a security communication function; comprising:

(a) a detection unit for detecting the security level of the destination of connection (see figure 3, element 76 of Andrews);

(b) an announcing unit for announcing said detected security level (see figure 3, element 74 of Andrews);

(c) a security level setting unit for setting by a user at least one of security level (see figure 4, lines 24-44 of Andrews);

(d) a judgment unit for judging whether said detected level satisfies the security level condition previously set by the user (see figure 4, element 72 of Andrews);

(f) a control unit for controlling communications (see figure 4, element 72 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 11:

Andrews teaches the claimed subject matter: A mobile communication terminal device having a security communication function (see claim 10 above). Andrews further discloses that the announcing unit is adapted to announce the results of said judgment (see figure 3, elements 72, 74 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 12:

Andrews teaches the claimed subject matter: A mobile communication terminal device having a security communication function (see claim 10 above). Andrews further discloses that the control unit is adapted to discontinue communication (see column 4, lines 30-44 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 13:

Andrews teaches the claimed subject matter: A mobile communication terminal device having a security communication function (see claim 10 above). Andrews further discloses that the communication device provides the selection of the continuance or discontinuance of communication (see column 4, lines 30-44 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 14:

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Andrews teaches the claimed subject matter: A mobile communication terminal device having a security communication function (see claim 10 above). Andrews further discloses that the notification unit notifies the caller (see column 4, lines 41-44 of Andrews).

Referring to claim 15:

Andrews teaches:

A device for communicating with a mobile communication device, comprising:

(a) a detection unit for detecting a security level of communication with the mobile communication device (see figure 3, element 76 of Andrews);

(b) a security level setting unit for setting by a user at least one of a security level (see column 4, lines 24-44 of Andrews);

(c) an internal memory for storing the security level information (see figure 4, element 104 of Andrews);

(d) a control unit for controlling communication (see figure 4, element 72 of Andrews).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on December 12, 2005 have been fully considered but they are moot due to the new grounds of rejections.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Pan whose telephone number is 571-272-5987.

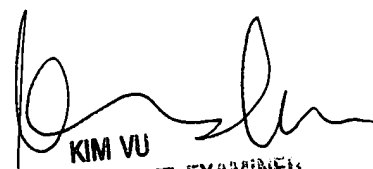
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached at 571-272-3859. The fax and phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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